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SUBJECT: FURHTER PRESS SPECULATION ON GONZALEZ KILLING

1. LEADING BOGOTA NEWSPAPER THIS MORNING FEATURES ARTICLE WHICH SPECULATES AN UNIDENTIFIED THIRD MAN WAS INVOLVED IN THE KILLINGS AT THE DEA OFFICE. SPECULATION INCLUDES IDEA THAT THE BULLET WHICH KILLED COLE WAS DIFFERENT CALIBER FROM THOSE WITH WHICH HE KILLED GONZALEZ. NEWSPAPER ALLEGES THAT THIS RULES OUT THEORY THAT COLE COMMITTED SUICIDE.

2. DEA INVESTIGATORS ON THE SCENE REMAIN CONVINCED THAT COLE DID COMMIT SUICIDE AND THAT THERE WAS NO THIRD MAN. THE SPECULATION ON ALLEGEDLY DIFFERENT CALIBER BULLETS PERHAPS ARISES FROM THE FACT THAT COLE'S WEAPON
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CONTAINED DIFFERENT TYPES OF AMMUNITION WHICH WHILE OF THE SAME CALIBER WOULD CREATE DIFFERENT TYPES OF WOUNDS. IN DEALING WITH PRESS QUERIES EMBASSY SPOKESMAN IS STATING THAT WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE IDEA THAT A THIRD MAN WAS INVOLVED AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT COLE COMMITTED SUICIDE.

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3. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PRESS SPECULATION OF THIS SORT
WILL CONTINUE UNTIL COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES COMPLETE
THEIR OWN INVESTIGATION INCLUDING BALLISTIC TESTS.
THIS IS BEING HELD UP BECAUSE THEY ARE ENTANGLED
IN LEGAL PROBLEMS OF THEIR OWN WHICH INHIBIT THEM FROM OFFICIALLY
RECEIVING THE MURDER WEAPON AND OTHER EVIDENCE FROM OUR OFFICERS.
WE ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT THIS PROBLEM WILL BE IRONED OUT VERY SOON.
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